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Application No.: 09/783,792

REMARKS

Claims 5, 6, and 9-13 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 18, 19, 22 and 23 remain pending in this application. Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced into the application by these amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 18, 19, 22, and 23 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103(a)

Claims 5, 6, and 9-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,933,423 (Laakso) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,032,052 (Richardson). In an effort to expedite issuance of the present application, Applicants have cancelled claims 5, 6, and 9-13 without prejudice.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this

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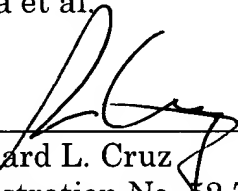
application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 18, 19, 22 and 23, are in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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